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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace all previous versions of the claims with the following listing:

1. (Currently Amended) A wiper blade mounted on a wiper arm which is oscillatingly provided on a car body for wiping a window glass surface by being pressed on the window glass surface by the wiper arm and being reciprocally oscillated, the wiper blade comprising:
 - a blade rubber for wiping the window glass surface; and
 - a holder piece assembly including a plurality of holder pieces for holding the blade rubber and an elastic member for connecting the holder pieces to each other in the longitudinal direction, the elastic member being provided in each of the holder pieces;

wherein a gap is provided between a retaining groove formed in the blade rubber and a holding claw formed in each of the holder pieces, whereby the blade rubber is attachable to, and detachable from, the holder piece assembly; and

wherein a supporting groove is formed above the retaining groove and a vertebra is inserted into the supporting groove, whereby the vertebra provides a predetermined rigidity to the blade rubber.
2. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade according to claim 1, wherein when the blade rubber is apart from the window glass surface, radius of curvature of the holder piece assembly curved by the elastic member is smaller than a radius of curvature of the window glass surface.
3. (Original) The wiper blade according to claim 1, wherein the holder pieces are integrally molded with the elastic member.
4. (Original) The wiper blade according to claim 1, wherein the wiper blade comprises a plurality of elastic members that connect the holder pieces therebetween.

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5. (Original) The wiper blade according to claim 4, wherein the wiper blade further comprises an auxiliary member for positioning the plurality of elastic members in the longitudinal direction to connect the elastic members.

6. (Original) The wiper blade according to claim 1, wherein the holder pieces are formed to be gradually tapered toward the adjacent another holder piece.

7. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade according to claim 1, wherein each of the holder pieces is provided with a holding claw for holding the blade rubber.

8-9. (Canceled)